



KAREN'S TREND TIP: Chalkboard is one of those really hot, lasting trends for home. Everywhere I turn, there's something made with chalkboard!

Personally, I love it because I tend to write everything down. We have large chalkboards at home and small ones, too. We use both regular chalk sticks and liquid chalk markers.

Chalkboards are not only useful and hip, they also help save paper and keep things green! And if you're up to it, you can also paint your walls with chalkboard paint or cover your walls with chalkboard "wallpaper". I've seen some really amazing chalk artwork on walls at cafes and stores.

For something fun, one of my favorite chalkboard items is the table runner. For parties, roll some out and underneath your food and beverages. Write food descriptions, messages, etc. It makes a conversation-starter and it's decorative, too!